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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment increased again in December. The increase from November was less than the seasonally-expected amount, but the two-month change from October to December was about in line with the usual seasonal increase for that period.

The state's unemployment rate went from 6.1 in November to 6.3 percent in December, as the number of jobless experienced in November, when the rate climbed by six-tenths of a percentage point and the number unemployed went up by 13,700.

Employment has declined slightly more than the usual seasonal amount, dropping by 36,600 from November to 2,382,800 in December. Total civilian employment in the state is now about 10,200 above the year-ago level.

Nonfarm payroll employment decreased by a smaller amount than total employment, falling by only 5700 jobs to 2,184,800 in December. Employment declines in December can be traced to seasonal decreases in construction (4600) and services (4100) while the Christmas season brought an increase of 2000 retail trade jobs. Manufacturing employment fared comparatively well, increasing by 500 jobs in December.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in December was 39,400 jobs higher than a year ago. The larger gains were in services (17,000); state and local government (9,800); retail trade (4,900); transportation and public utilities (2,500); finance, insurance, and real estate (2,500); and construction (2,300). Manufacturing employment was only 100 jobs below the December 1986 level. One industry -- motor vehicles and equipment -- was down by 4800 jobs, so the other manufacturing industries have experienced a net gain of 4700 jobs since December 1986.

The factory workweek in Missouri increased by 0.8 hours to 42.1 hours in December, as increases in average weekly hours were reported in the automobile and a number of other industries. Average hourly earnings increased four cents to $9.94, while average weekly earnings were up by nearly $10 to $418.47. The weekly figure is 3.4 percent higher than it was a year ago.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

The nation's production of goods and services grew at a faster-than-expected rate in the final quarter of 1987. The preliminary estimate shows real gross national product increasing at a 4.2 percent annual rate in the October-December priod. Inventory building and government spending are reported to have accounted for much of the increase, as consumer spending dropped. Continued on Page 6

MISSOURI TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - DEC 1987 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - NOV 1987 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - DEC 1986 (BENCHMARKED 1986)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
U.S. (IN 000'S)	120205	113679	6526	5.4	120611	113809	6802	5.6	118049	110588	7461	6.3
STATEWIDE	2541677	2381997	159680	6.3	2576032	2418627	157405	6.1	2526916	2371777	155139	6.1
ST. LOUIS MSA	1241954	1161735	80219	6.5	1254393	1172865	81528	6.5	1240346	1157938	82408	6.6
KANSAS CITY MSA	811100	766027	45073	5.6	813808	770615	43193	5.3	801580	765355	36225	4.5
SPRINGFIELD MSA	119508	113894	5614	4.7	121264	115769	5495	4.5	118773	112852	5921	5.0
COLUMBIA MSA	65879	63515	2364	3.6	67008	64808	2200	3.3	64118	62190	1928	3.0
JOPLIN MSA	68841	65037	3804	5.5	69484	65883	3601	5.2	67322	63641	3681	5.5
ST. JOSEPH MSA	40840	38053	2787	6.8	41292	38406	2886	7.0	41383	38289	3094	7.5
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13613	12947	666	4.9	13791	13179	612	4.4	13407	12709	698	5.2
ANDREW	6933	6457	476	6.9	6972	6535	437	6.3	6722	6233	489	7.3
ATCHISON	3085	2927	158	5.1	3166	3032	134	4.2	3089	2949	140	4.5
AUDRAIN	10358	9736	622	6.0	10577	9911	666	6.3	10739	9966	773	7.2
BARRY	11596	10949	647	5.6	11788	11124	664	5.6	11964	11219	745	6.2
BARTON	5282	5064	218	4.1	5392	5174	218	4.0	5135	4910	225	4.4
BATES	6505	5913	592	9.1	6594	6092	502	7.6	6004	5582	422	7.0
BENTON	5399	4878	521	9.6	5545	5100	445	8.0	5154	4609	545	10.6
BOLLINGER	2909	2596	313	10.8	3067	2692	375	12.2	3062	2692	370	12.1
BUTLER	16473	15022	1451	8.8	16705	15233	1472	8.8	16802	15375	1427	8.5
CALDWELL	3271	3019	252	7.7	3378	3173	205	6.1	3462	3283	179	5.2
CALLAWAY	15818	14912	906	5.7	16037	15177	860	5.4	15761	14827	934	5.9
CAMDEN	12617	11398	1219	9.7	13380	12278	1102	8.2	12834	11581	1253	9.8
CAPE GIRARDEAU	35425	33978	1447	4.1	35569	33971	1598	4.5	33908	32609	1299	3.8
CARROLL	5056	4429	627	12.4	5209	4611	598	11.5	4859	4514	345	7.1
CARTER	2034	1803	231	11.4	2047	1854	193	9.4	1919	1655	264	13.8
CEDAR	4719	4393	326	6.9	4874	4563	311	6.4	4793	4451	342	7.1
CHARITON	4332	4084	248	5.7	4488	4220	268	6.0	4332	4059	273	6.3
CLARK	3657	3444	213	5.8	3779	3533	246	6.5	3704	3486	218	5.9
CLINTON	7354	6827	527	7.2	7532	7059	473	6.3	7241	6807	434	6.0
COLE/OSAGE LMA	41636	39149	2487	6.0	41488	39737	1751	4.2	40742	38756	1986	4.9
COOPER	6546	6103	443	6.8	6624	6277	347	5.2	6903	6452	451	6.5
CRAWFORD	8460	7720	740	8.7	8565	7719	846	9.9	7872	7113	759	9.6
DADE	2974	2789	185	6.2	3088	2899	189	6.1	2855	2709	146	5.1
DALLAS	3557	3172	385	10.8	3732	3340	392	10.5	3795	3398	397	10.5
DAVIESS	4044	3804	240	5.9	4170	3979	191	4.6	4124	3900	224	5.4
DEKALB	3570	3306	264	7.4	3643	3418	225	6.2	3579	3309	270	7.5
DENT	5221	4742	479	9.2	5321	4793	528	9.9	5586	4853	733	13.1
DOUGLAS	4612	4225	387	8.4	4670	4235	435	9.3	4498	4153	345	7.7
DUNKLIN	13592	12541	1051	7.7	13915	12852	1063	7.6	13951	12771	1180	8.5
GASCONADE	6666	6242	424	6.4	6917	6461	456	6.6	6896	6368	528	7.7
GENTRY	3161	2974	187	5.9	3236	3071	165	5.1	3110	2987	123	4.0
GRUNDY	5358	5106	252	4.7	5329	5114	215	4.0	5295	4973	322	6.1
HARRISON	4497	4239	258	5.7	4570	4341	229	5.0	4677	4409	268	5.7
HENRY	7962	7222	740	9.3	8043	7374	669	8.3	8065	7442	623	7.7
HICKORY	2462	2210	252	10.2	2549	2327	222	8.7	2357	2151	206	8.7
HOLT	2551	2353	198	7.8	2651	2479	172	6.5	2575	2420	155	6.0
HOWARD	4529	4290	239	5.3	4641	4388	253	5.5	4713	4432	281	6.0
HOWELL	13179	12182	997	7.6	13290	12282	1008	7.6	13395	12242	1153	8.6
IRON	2272	1937	335	14.7	2271	1958	313	13.8	2633	2231	402	15.3
JOHNSON	18377	17456	921	5.0	18535	17787	748	4.0	17373	16713	660	3.8
KNOX	1964	1820	144	7.3	2043	1926	117	5.7	1982	1842	140	7.1
LACLEDE	13343	12414	929	7.0	13491	12633	858	6.4	12872	11835	1037	8.1
LAWRENCE	13349	12549	800	6.0	13619	12886	733	5.4	13111	12201	910	6.9
LEWIS	4351	4020	331	7.6	4409	4122	287	6.5	4872	4387	485	10.0

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LINCOLN	11328	10252	1076	9.5	11162	10404	758	6.8	10767	10037	730	6.8
LINN	6330	5891	439	6.9	6571	5997	574	8.7	6448	5899	549	8.5
LIVINGSTON	6524	6166	358	5.5	6684	6319	365	5.5	6441	6064	377	5.9
MACON	8942	8516	426	4.8	9057	8634	423	4.7	8257	7812	445	5.4
MADISON	4617	4301	316	6.8	4704	4391	313	6.7	4082	3680	402	9.8
MARIES	3901	3591	310	7.9	4078	3777	301	7.4	4184	3813	371	8.9
MARION/RALLS LMA	16768	15544	1224	7.3	17281	16125	1156	6.7	16808	15412	1396	8.3
MCDONALD	7739	7316	423	5.5	7908	7471	437	5.5	6926	6550	376	5.4
MERCER	1640	1527	113	6.9	1689	1596	93	5.5	1604	1494	110	6.9
MILLER	9350	8178	1172	12.5	9576	8584	992	10.4	9810	8456	1354	13.8
MISSISSIPPI	6292	5713	579	9.2	6349	5826	523	8.2	6170	5527	643	10.4
MONITEAU	5879	5474	405	6.9	5984	5652	332	5.5	5851	5386	465	7.9
MONROE	5434	5094	340	6.3	5673	5350	323	5.7	5300	5024	276	5.2
MONTGOMERY	5030	4651	379	7.5	5089	4793	296	5.8	4627	4286	341	7.4
MORGAN	7273	6686	587	8.1	7541	6986	555	7.4	6965	6348	617	8.9
NEW MADRID	9454	8659	795	8.4	9522	8752	770	8.1	9019	8243	776	8.6
NODAWAY	10928	10470	458	4.2	11086	10759	327	2.9	10417	10020	397	3.8
OREGON	4048	3640	408	10.1	4164	3770	394	9.5	3935	3634	301	7.6
OZARK	3425	3061	364	10.6	3547	3268	279	7.9	3311	3035	276	8.3
PEMISCOT	8575	7896	679	7.9	8695	7980	715	8.2	8804	7960	844	9.6
PERRY	7690	7219	471	6.1	7903	7346	557	7.0	7799	7339	460	5.9
PETTIS	17911	16703	1208	6.7	18204	17138	1066	5.9	17587	16349	1238	7.0
PHELPS	16553	15531	1022	6.2	16624	15713	911	5.5	16529	15599	930	5.6
PIKE	7498	6792	706	9.4	7567	6991	576	7.6	7246	6726	520	7.2
POLK	9279	8732	547	5.9	9422	8873	549	5.8	9326	8808	518	5.6
PULASKI	12325	11565	760	6.2	12264	11533	731	6.0	11868	11098	770	6.5
PUTNAM	2209	2101	108	4.9	2297	2182	115	5.0	2190	2081	109	5.0
RANDOLPH	11778	10912	866	7.4	12028	11134	894	7.4	11277	10593	684	6.1
REYNOLDS	1459	1193	266	18.2	1521	1258	263	17.3	1685	1280	405	24.0
RIPLEY	4643	4267	376	8.1	4752	4398	354	7.4	4491	4135	356	7.9
SALINE	11026	10323	703	6.4	11120	10597	523	4.7	11614	10930	684	5.9
SCOTLAND	2312	2144	168	7.3	2395	2245	150	6.3	2285	2170	115	5.0
SCOTT	17753	16513	1240	7.0	18001	16687	1314	7.3	17369	16165	1204	6.9
SHANNON	2330	1985	345	14.8	2377	2009	368	15.5	2373	1947	426	18.0
SHELBY	3464	3304	160	4.6	3601	3472	129	3.6	3370	3223	147	4.4
ST. CLAIR	3454	3154	300	8.7	3556	3300	256	7.2	3494	3230	264	7.6
ST. FRANCOIS	20934	19086	1848	8.8	21063	19231	1832	8.7	19122	17455	1667	8.7
STE. GENEVIEVE	6724	6205	519	7.7	6793	6320	473	7.0	6740	6211	529	7.8
STODDARD	12659	11519	1140	9.0	12416	11355	1061	8.5	12839	11558	1281	10.0
STONE	7400	6136	1264	17.1	8165	7116	1049	12.8	7469	6110	1359	18.2
SULLIVAN	3634	3482	152	4.2	3753	3615	143	3.8	3275	3120	155	4.7
TANEY	12628	10454	2174	17.2	13468	11719	1749	13.0	12987	10809	2178	16.8
TEXAS	9268	8528	740	8.0	9388	8700	688	7.3	9197	8281	916	10.0
VERNON	9149	8636	513	5.6	9237	8781	456	4.9	8903	8480	423	4.8
WARREN	9778	9026	752	7.7	9761	9195	566	5.8	9191	8645	546	5.9
WASHINGTON	5608	4584	1024	18.3	5854	4752	1102	18.8	6483	5060	1423	21.9
WAYNE	4678	4239	439	9.4	4546	4137	409	9.0	4637	4083	554	11.9
WEBSTER	8896	8136	760	8.5	9130	8361	769	8.4	8982	8166	816	9.1
WORTH	1157	1065	92	8.0	1145	1081	64	5.6	1124	1043	81	7.2
WRIGHT	6517	6085	432	6.6	6485	6067	418	6.4	6473	5935	538	8.3

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
December, 1987

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2184.8	2190.5	2145.5									
Total Manufacturing	416.5	416.0	416.6	418.47	408.87	404.63	42.1	41.3	41.5	9.94	9.90	9.75
Durable Goods	231.0	230.6	234.2	468.26	454.75	447.95	43.6	42.5	42.5	10.74	10.70	10.54
Lumber & Wood Products	10.8	10.7	10.3	247.11	255.71	264.52	37.9	39.4	40.2	6.52	6.49	6.58
Furniture & Fixtures	11.4	11.4	10.4	338.13	369.89	377.30	44.2	47.0	47.4	7.65	7.87	7.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.8	10.8	11.0	480.53	485.30	505.96	42.3	41.8	45.5	11.36	11.61	11.12
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	574.99	581.67	854.51	41.1	41.4	52.2	13.99	14.05	16.37
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.1	1.9	450.85	467.06	509.12	38.9	34.7	41.8	11.59	13.46	12.18
Primary Metal Industries	13.0	12.9	12.4	488.25	479.39	469.56	43.4	42.2	42.0	11.25	11.36	11.18
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.3	1.3	1.4	494.56	467.92	402.41	47.6	44.9	41.4	10.39	10.31	9.72
Nonferrous Foundries	3.8	3.7	3.5	350.67	328.67	339.49	43.4	41.5	41.1	8.08	7.92	8.26
Fabricated Metal Products	28.3	28.6	28.2	435.80	431.95	445.98	42.6	42.1	44.2	10.23	10.26	10.09
Structural Metal Prod.	10.8	11.1	11.2	418.58	413.09	432.39	41.9	41.6	43.5	9.99	9.93	9.94
Machinery Exc. Electrical	30.0	29.8	29.9	439.38	423.74	434.52	42.7	41.3	42.6	10.29	10.26	10.20
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	47.2	47.1	47.9	447.84	413.69	404.04	45.1	42.3	42.0	9.93	9.78	9.62
Transportation Equipment	60.2	59.9	65.2	647.26	628.84	575.31	44.7	43.7	41.3	14.48	14.39	13.93
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	23.3	23.4	28.1	682.53	644.45	608.35	45.9	43.9	42.1	14.87	14.68	14.45
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.4	11.4	11.2	365.98	342.30	336.60	44.2	42.0	41.3	8.28	8.15	8.15
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.9	8.0	7.7	297.82	281.31	264.96	45.4	41.8	41.4	6.56	6.73	6.40
Nondurable Goods	185.5	185.4	182.4	357.78	352.63	348.94	40.2	39.8	40.2	8.90	8.86	8.68
Food & Kindred Products	47.5	47.9	47.2	401.79	418.32	393.33	40.3	41.5	41.1	9.97	10.08	9.57
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.6	13.6	13.8	301.91	316.60	289.10	41.7	42.9	41.3	7.24	7.38	7.00
Dairy Products	5.7	5.8	6.0	481.24	461.74	456.19	42.4	41.9	43.2	11.35	11.02	10.56
Grain Mill Products	7.6	7.6	7.1	430.76	506.00	437.38	41.3	45.3	42.3	10.43	11.17	10.34
Bakery Products	6.3	6.5	6.0	380.41	405.82	407.95	34.9	37.3	39.8	10.90	10.88	10.25
Beverages	9.8	9.9	9.9	613.38	587.53	524.43	37.7	36.2	35.7	16.27	16.23	14.69

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.5	4.5	4.4	374.52	372.13	441.74	39.8	40.1	45.4	9.41	9.28	9.73
Textile & Apparel	25.4	25.6	24.9	198.36	197.91	201.80	34.2	34.6	36.1	5.80	5.72	5.59
Paper & Allied Products	13.7	13.3	13.4	415.43	406.62	420.44	43.5	42.4	43.3	9.55	9.59	9.71
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.4	6.3	6.5	411.15	387.61	423.36	43.6	41.5	43.6	9.43	9.34	9.71
Printing & Publishing	39.3	39.0	39.1	396.60	384.35	394.79	39.7	39.1	39.4	9.99	9.83	10.02
Commercial Printing	13.6	13.5	13.6	489.05	467.82	456.62	42.6	41.4	41.7	11.48	11.30	10.95
Chemicals & Allied	28.4	28.3	27.9	513.02	506.17	504.43	45.2	43.9	44.6	11.35	11.53	11.31
Leather & Leather Products	17.4	17.4	16.5	226.59	211.69	203.76	39.0	37.6	36.0	5.81	5.63	5.66
Footwear Exc. Rubber	13.4	13.6	12.8	210.21	195.10	190.94	38.5	36.4	35.1	5.46	5.36	5.44
Total Nonmanufacturing	1768.3	1774.5	1728.9									
Mining	5.3	5.5	5.4									
Construction	96.5	101.1	94.2									
Transportation & Public Util.	144.2	143.8	141.7									
Railroad Transportation	9.7	9.7	10.1									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	78.1	78.0	76.1									
Communications	56.4	56.1	55.5									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	519.6	517.6	514.0									
Wholesale Trade	125.7	125.7	125.0									
Retail Trade	393.9	391.9	389.0									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	135.1	135.0	132.6									
Services	509.8	513.9	492.8									
Government	357.8	357.6	348.2									
Federal Government	72.0	71.8	72.2									
State & Local Government	0	0	0									

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National unemployment remained about the same in December as in November. The seasonally adjusted December rate was 5.8 percent compared to 5.9 in November and 6.0 in October. A change of a tenth of a point in one month is not considered statistically significant.

Employment continued to increase in December. Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 325,000 jobs to 103.6 million, while total civilian employment was up by 240,000 to 113.7 million. Each of these measures of employment has grown by about 3 million over the past year. The unemployment rate dropped nine-tenths of a percentage point in the same period.

Outlook

So far, there has been little evidence of deterioration in overall economic conditions. Indeed, the economy grew more than expected in the most recent quarter. This may not last, however, as the combination of inventory building and weak consumer spending noted in that quarter could lead to slowing growth in subsequent periods.

Even if overall economic conditions remain solid, there may be substantial variation amount sectors. Conditions in the automobile industry were a major ingredient in the bottoming-out of the state's unemployment in 1987. Prior to this, joblessness had been falling since 1983. Conditions in the auto industry will probably continue to be a drag on employment and unemployment in 1988. The announced closing of a plant in Kansas City in April will add to the job decline already experienced in the industry.

January usually brings with it a sharp decrease in employment and increase in unemployment brought about by seasonal conditions such as winter weather, the end of the Christmas season, and end-of-term vacations at some schools. Conditions may deteriorate further in February before beginning to improve in March.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments
Missouri — December, 1987

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,541,700	2,576,000	2,526,900	-34,300	14,800
Total Employed	2,382,000	2,418,600	2,371,800	-36,600	10,200
Total Unemployed	159,700	157,400	155,100	2,300	4,600
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.3	6.1	6.1	0.2	0.2
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,184,800	2,190,500	2,145,500	-5,700	39,300
Manufacturing	416,500	416,000	416,600	500	-100
Durable Goods	231,000	230,600	234,200	400	-3,200
Nondurable Goods	185,500	185,400	182,400	100	3,100
Nonmanufacturing	1,768,300	1,774,500	1,728,900	-6,200	39,400
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	10,514	7,732	11,366	2,782	-852
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	50,554	34,600	54,311	15,954	-3,757
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.0	2.5	0.2	-0.3
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,327	2,159	2,490	1,168	163
Amount of Benefits Paid	$21,491,848	$14,235,726	$21,417,983	$7,256,122	$73,865
State U.I.	21,177,710	14,003,995	21,024,382	7,173,715	153,328
UCFE	182,765	141,687	239,895	41,078	-57,130
UCX	131,373	90,044	153,706	41,329	-22,333

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

December, 1987

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Seasonal layoffs in the Services and the Construction industries, coupled with short term layoffs in local area schools, pushed the Area's December 1987 unemployment rate up to 5.6 percent of the labor force. Layoffs in these three industries added 1,900 more jobless persons to the Area's unemployed. These new losses added to the sustained layoffs in several Manufacturing industries particularly in Motor Vehicles and Equipment and Electronics Equipment, contributed to the Area's year end unemployment rising to its highest level since 1983. Similary the Area's number of jobless workers was up by 8,900 over December 1986 figures. Civilian employment and the civilian labor force fell over-the-month by 4,600 and 2,700, respectively, as many Service workers and long term unemployed withdrew from the labor force. Despite these over-the-month losses, civilian employment and civilian labor force levels in December 1987 were well above 1986 levels. The civilian labor force was up by 9,500 over the 12-month period, while civilian employment was up by 600. Similarly nonagricultural payroll jobs in December 1987 were also well above December 1986 levels, despite monthly losses.

Wage and salaried employment in December 1987 was 723,000, down by 1,000 jobs from the year's high point of 724,000, which was reached in November 1987. Widespread expansion in many Nonmanufacturing industries, particularly in State and Local Government, Retail Trade, Construction and the Services, over the last half of the year, pushed Nonmanufacturing employment to a record breaking 612,300 jobs in November 1987. Despite these normal seasonal losses recorded over-the-month in several Nonmanufacturing industries and continued depressed levels of employment in the Manufacturing sector, the year ended with the year's second highest level of payroll jobs.

Holiday hiring in the Area's retail sector pushed Retail Trade employment up by another 900 jobs. At 128,000 jobs, the Area's Retail Trade industry reached its annual peak employment. Besides Area department stores, which added 500 jobs over-the-month, apparel stores and non-store retailers together added close to 600 jobs. These higher than expected increases in retail hiring only partially offset losses posted in the remaining Nonmanufacturing industries.

Overall the Nonmanufacturing sector lost 1,700 jobs over-the-month. The Construction industry lost 1,000 jobs, primarily in building constructio and special trade contractors. Area schools accounted for a temporary loss of 700 jobs in State and Local Government sector, as local schools closed for the holiday break. The Services industry accounted for the remaining over-the-month losses. Agricultural services contributed more than two thirds of those 600 jobs lost in the industry. Relatively minor losses were also recorded in Transportation and Utilities, Federal Government, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

Within the Manufacturing sector, the recovery of 900 automobile assembler jobs in Transportation Equipment industry spurred overall Manufacturing employment to its highest level since April 1987. With the exception of Transportation Equipment and a relatively small loss in Food and Kindred Manufacturing, little change was recorded in this sector.

Wage and salaried employment was 723,000 in December 1987, up by 2,900 from the December 1986 total of 720,100. Durable Goods Manufacturing was 59,700 in December 1987 compared to 66,200 in December 1986. Although most industries within the sector were relatively stable over the 12-month period, two of these - Transportation Equipment and Electrical/Electronic Equipment - continued to record 1987 employment levels well below 1986 levels. Transportation Equipment employment in December 1987 at 10,800 jobs fell below December 1986 levels by 4,900 jobs. Electrical/Electronic Equipment also registered substantial losses with 1,500 fewer jobs in December 1987 compared to December 1986 levels. Nondurable Goods Manufacturing posted gains over the year ago figures in Chemical Products and Paper and Allied Products. The Chemicals industry added 600 more jobs, primarily in pharmaceutical products, and Paper and Allied Products added 400 more jobs primarily in containers and boxes. These gains combined with losses of 500 jobs, registered in Food and Kindred Products, resulted in an overall net gain in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing of 500 jobs over the 12-month period.

In contract to the Manufacturing sector, the Nonmanufacturing sector made substantial gains in December 1987 compared to December 1986. The sector gained 8,800 new jobs over the period. With the exception of the Finance, Insurance and Real Estate industry, which fell slightly below December 1986 total, all other Nonmanufacturing industries posted significant increases in employment over-the-period. The Services industry, with 3,400 new jobs, gained the largest number of jobs. Employment in business services added 1,600 jobs, or practically half of these 3,400 new jobs in the industry; other notable gains were registered in recreational services, education and legal services. These latter three together added 1,600 jobs. The State and Local Government sector gained 2,300 jobs, 70 percent in municipal governments and almost 20 percent in local schools. Wholesale and Retail Trade posted an increase of 1,600 more jobs over-the-year ago figures. Within the Retail

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1986)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** December, 1987

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	723,000	724,000	720,000	-1,000	+3,000
Total Manufacturing	112,400	111,700	118,200	+700	-5,800
Durable Goods	59,700	59,000	66,200	+700	-6,500
Lumber & Furniture	3,800	3,900	3,700	-100	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+100
Primary Metal Industries	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	+100
Fabricated Metal Products	8,800	8,900	9,000	-100	-200
Machinery Except Electrical	8,100	8,000	8,300	+100	-200
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	17,400	17,400	18,900	0	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	10,800	9,900	15,700	+900	-4,900
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(10,400)	(9,500)	(15,300)	(+900)	(-4,900)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,700	3,500	-100	+100
Nondurable Goods	52,700	52,700	52,100	0	+600
Food & Kindred Products	9,100	9,300	9,600	-200	-500
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,300	2,200	2,200	+100	+100
Paper & Allied Products	6,000	6,000	5,600	0	+400
Printing & Publishing	19,900	19,900	20,000	0	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,700	9,700	9,100	0	+600
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	500	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,300	5,000	0	+300
Total Nonmanufacturing	610,600	612,300	601,800	-1,700	+8,800
Mining & Quarrying	600	600	500	0	+100
Construction	35,100	36,100	34,600	-1,000	+500
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	55,300	55,400	54,800	-100	+500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	183,600	182,700	182,000	+900	+1,600
Wholesale Trade	(55,600)	(55,600)	(55,100)	(0)	(+500)
Retail Trade	(128,000)	(127,100)	(126,900)	(+900)	(+1,100)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	56,700	56,800	56,900	-100	-200
Services	166,100	166,700	162,700	-600	+3,400
Government	113,200	114,000	110,300	-800	+2,900
Federal Government	(31,100)	(31,200)	(30,500)	(-100)	(+600)
State & Local Government	(82,100)	(82,800)	(79,800)	(-700)	(+2,300)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

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Trade industry, non-store retailers and other miscellaneous retail establishments added 1,700 jobs over the period. but losses of 1,000 in eating and drinking places held over-all growth down to 1,100 additional jobs. Federal Government, with 600 more jobs, Construction with 500 more jobs and Transportation and Utilities with 500 more jobs, also topped December 1986 employment totals.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 45,100 in December 1987 for 5.6 percent of the labor foce, compared to 43,200 for 5.3 percent of the labor force in November 1987 and 36,200 in December 1986 for 4.5 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

In January 1988, total unemployment in the Area will make another sharp jump both in the number and rate. The unemployment rate is expected to rise to six percent in Janufary 1988 primarily as a result of the seasonal layoffs of temporary workers, who were hired on during the holiday shopping season. These losses will combine with losses continuring in the seasonal component of the Construction and Services industries. Both of these industries are expected to reach their annual low points during this month or the next. Unemployment is expected to rise to 6.0 percent of the labor force in January 1988 compared to 5.6 percent in December 1987 and 5.1 percent in January 1987.

Unemployment is expected to rise slightly in February 1988 as seasonal factors continue to dominate local conditions. The Services industry employment will continue at depressed levels. Construction activity will slowdown and lead to further losses in that industry. Retail Trade employment is also expected to sustain additional losses as Area retailers complete their work force readjustments after the holiday shopping season ends.

Unemployment is expected to be 6.2 percent of the labor force compared to 5.4 percent in February 1987.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1987**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$476.57	$468.16	$492.76	42.1	41.8	41.8	$11.32	$11.20	$11.31
Durable Goods	508.51	502.18	497.67	42.2	42.2	41.3	12.05	11.90	12.05
Lumber & Furniture	342.17	357.52	316.01	42.4	43.6	39.9	8.07	8.20	7.92
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	472.12	495.62	485.50	37.0	38.6	37.9	12.76	12.84	12.81
Primary Metal Industries	479.41	485.52	394.28	41.4	40.8	34.8	11.58	11.90	11.33
Fabricated Metal Products	407.36	406.37	415.24	40.9	40.8	41.4	9.96	9.96	10.03
Machinery Exc. Electrical	448.70	437.36	423.24	45.6	44.0	43.1	9.84	9.94	9.82
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	586.04	563.60	563.60	44.6	44.1	40.7	13.14	12.78	12.03
Transportation Equipment	635.99	650.48	665.95	40.1	41.3	43.3	15.86	15.75	15.38
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(649.63)	(668.57)	(673.75)	(40.2)	(41.5)	(43.3)	(16.16)	(16.11)	(15.56)
Nondurable Goods	435.34	424.98	433.67	41.9	41.3	42.6	10.39	10.29	10.18
Food & Kindred Products	421.10	339.15	420.04	41.9	40.4	42.3	10.05	9.88	9.93
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	188.43	210.70	190.19	31.3	35.0	32.4	6.02	6.02	5.87
Paper & Allied Products	445.40	410.74	444.02	42.5	39.8	42.9	10.48	10.32	10.35
Printing & Publishing	447.28	455.45	476.98	41.3	41.9	43.8	10.83	10.87	10.89
Chemicals & Allied Products	605.75	587.85	539.26	46.1	44.5	43.7	13.14	13.21	12.34
Petroleum & Coal Products	485.72	418.11	482.22	36.7	38.5	42.3	10.51	10.86	11.40

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

December, 1987

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment remained at 6.5% from November to December. The number of unemployed declined 1300 but total employment also registered a decrease. Total employment was down 11,100 over the month. Unemployment declined despite the deterioration occurring in the area's auto industry. In December, 2,300 auto workers were placed on indefinite layoff when one assembly plant eliminated one production shift. Wet weather conditions during the month caused declines in construction and services. The holiday buying season was somewaht better than 1986, despite the October stock market decline, causing retailers to register normal employment increases during November and December. Over the year, unemployment declined 2,400 and total employment rose 3,900. The unemployment rate in December, 1986 was 6.6%. While motor vehicles lost 2,000 workers, other manufacturing industries gained 2,200 jobs. Six hundred of this increase was due to labor dispute settlements. Services continued to be responsible for over 50% of the employment gain in nonmanufacturing . There were less than 50 workers involved in labor disputes in December and November and 700 in December, 1986.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 400 over the month. Small seasonal declines occurred in stone and food while aircraft continued to improve. In motor vehicles, 2,500 workers on temporary layoff returned to their jobs but 2,300 employees of another assembly plant were placed on indefinite layoff. Despite increased demand for U.S. produced chemicals, the area's chemical industry continued to register little movement. Chemical employment declined 100 over the month. Over the year, manufacturing job totals increased 200. Strikes were reported in nonelectrical machinery and instruments during December, 1986. Significant gains were reported in primary metals, fabricated metals and nonelectrical machinery. Aircraft employment climbed back to 1986 levels. Paper, chemicals and petroleum continued to report fewer workers than these industries employed during 1986.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing rose 1,000 over the month. Seasonal gains were reported in transportation and retail trade. Retail gains were concentrated in department stores, apparel stores and miscellaneous retailing (book, jewelry and gift shops). Construction employment declined 700 due to December weather conditions. Service declines occurred in hotels, recreation and education. Most service sectors reported stable employment levels. Over the year, nonmanufacturing rose 16,300. Transportation rose 1,800, retail trade was up 3,300, services increased 8,700 and government added 3,800 workers. Wholesale trade reported the largest decline, down 1,400. Small losses were registered by construction, railroads and communication.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in January, 1988 is expected to be 7.4%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mining	20	19	18	20
Construction	1381	1425	1716	2397
Manufacturing	4275	3818	5927	5019
Public Utilities	809	631	619	575
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2599	2788	2957	2553
Finance	556	555	637	581
Services	2769	2817	2759	3278
All Other	311	318	344	401
TOTAL	12720	12371	14977	14824

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1036	1096	1024	1088
Clerical	1544	1456	1451	1391
Sales	346	321	360	346
Farm, Fish & Forest	54	37	57	115
Processing	142	160	137	154
Machine Trades	703	634	666	727
Bench Work	495	453	527	570
Structural Work	1236	1207	1926	2138
Misc. Work	1067	1086	1133	1258
Service	1225	1202	1184	1205
INA	4872	4719	6512	5832
TOTAL	12720	12371	14977	14824

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1988 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.1	1.5
Clerical	16.3	10.2
Sales	18.1	22.2
Processing	1.8	2.5
Machine Trades	4.7	4.7
Bench Work	5.8	7.3
Structural Work	7.1	7.7
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.9	3.6
Packaging & Material Handling	9.0	11.9
Domestic	0.7	0.3
Other Services	23.3	22.3
Other Occupations	4.2	5.8

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** December, 1987

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,117,000	1,115,600	1,100,500	+1,400	+16,500
Percent Change				+(0.1)	+(151)
Manufacturing	217,900	217,500	217,700	+400	+200
Durable Goods	135,500	135,100	135,300	+400	+200
Lumber & Furniture	4,500	4,300	4,500	+200	0
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,200	3,400	3,200	-200	0
Primary Metal Industries	14,100	14,100	13,500	0	+600
Fabricated Metal Products	16,900	17,000	16,200	-100	+700
Machinery, Except Electrical	17,900	17,800	17,100	+100	+800
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,400	14,300	14,300	+100	+100
Transportation Equipment	51,600	51,300	53,900	+300	-2,300
Motor Vehicles	15,400	15,500	17,400	-100	-2,000
Aircraft & Parts	30,800	30,500	30,800	+300	0
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,900	12,900	12,600	0	+300
Nondurable Goods	82,400	82,400	82,400	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	22,700	22,800	22,300	-100	+400
Meat Products	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Beverages	9,100	9,100	8,800	0	+300
Textiles & Apparel	6,400	6,400	6,600	0	-200
Paper & Paper Products	5,500	5,500	5,700	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	16,600	16,600	16,500	0	+100
Chemical & Allied Products	18,600	18,700	18,700	-100	-100
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100
Leather & Leather Products	4,800	4,700	4,700	+100	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,300	5,200	5,300	+100	0
Nonmanufacturing	899,100	898,100	882,800	+1,000	+16,300
Mining	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Construction	55,500	56,200	56,100	-700	-600
Transportation & Public Utilities	75,800	75,500	74,000	+300	+1,800
Railroads	4,300	4,300	4,500	0	-200
Transportation, Except Railroads	41,900	41,600	39,500	+300	+2,400
Communications & Public Utilities	29,600	29,600	30,000	0	-400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	267,300	265,400	265,400	+1,900	+1,900
Wholesale Trade	60,900	61,300	62,300	-400	-1,400
Retail Trade	206,400	204,100	203,100	+2,300	+3,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	72,500	72,600	71,800	-100	+700
Service, Except Domestic	285,100	285,400	276,400	-300	+8,700
Total Government	139,500	139,600	135,700	-100	+3,800
Total Federal Government	37,100	36,800	36,900	+300	+200
Total State & Local Government	102,400	102,800	98,800	-400	+3,600
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	700	0	-700

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — **Month and Year of Current Data:** December, 1987

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$497.03	$482.31	$477.57	42.3	41.4	42.3	$11.75	$11.65	$11.29
Durable Goods	520.02	498.87	498.31	42.8	41.4	42.7	12.15	12.05	11.67
Lumber & Furniture	376.79	375.77	389.69	41.0	40.8	41.5	9.19	9.21	9.39
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	427.91	424.42	383.99	35.6	36.4	37.1	12.02	11.66	10.35
Primary Metal Industries	519.20	506.35	476.86	44.0	41.2	45.2	11.80	12.29	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	477.83	461.49	465.41	43.4	42.3	43.7	11.01	10.91	10.65
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	485.35	452.64	499.48	42.5	41.0	42.8	11.42	11.04	11.67
Elect & Electronic Equip.	439.46	417.32	409.64	43.0	41.9	41.8	10.22	9.96	9.80
Transportation Equipment	657.69	626.58	611.40	43.7	41.8	43.3	15.05	14.99	14.12
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	336.91	337.01	316.36	40.3	40.8	38.3	8.36	8.26	8.26
Nondurable Goods	455.40	453.33	440.96	41.4	41.4	41.6	11.00	10.95	10.60
Food & Kindred Products	493.75	500.05	495.33	39.5	40.1	41.8	12.50	12.47	11.85
Textiles & Apparel	245.70	242.54	214.49	37.8	37.2	33.1	6.50	6.52	6.48
Paper & Paper Products	504.83	527.40	488.83	46.7	47.3	46.6	10.81	11.15	10.49
Printing & Publishing	440.10	414.09	422.14	40.6	39.4	39.9	10.84	10.51	10.58
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	570.24	571.54	562.41	44.0	44.1	44.6	12.96	12.96	12.61
Petroleum & Coal Products	627.89	623.90	560.51	41.2	41.1	39.5	15.24	15.18	14.19
Leather & Leather Products	263.93	297.83	288.67	42.5	47.2	47.4	6.21	6.31	6.09
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

December, 1987

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA rate of unemployment rose two-tenths of a percentage point from November to reach 4.7 in December. This rise is seasonal in nature and does not reflect a change in the economy. Since December 1986, the rate of unemployment is down by five-tenths of a percentage point and there are 300 fewer persons unemployed.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment inched downward 400 fron November to December. The entire drop occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector with manufacturing jobs remaining at the November level of 20,500.

Construction and services each lost 300 workers during the 30 days. Both industries are stronger during the warmer months.

During the year of 1987, payrolled jobs increased by 2,800 to reach 107,400 in December. Manufacturing and nonmanufacturing jobs increased 600 and 2,200 respectively during the 12 months.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose eight cents an hour from November to reach $8.60 in December.

During December 1986, average hourly earnings came to $8.60 and the weekly hours worked averaged 42.8.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Seasonal jobs in construction, trade, services and government will foster a drop in payrolled employment in January.

The rate of unemployment will show a fairly sharp seasonal increase in January and continue high into early spring.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1986)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — **Month and Year of Current:** December, 1987

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	107,400	107,800	104,600	-400	+2,800
Manufacturing	20,500	20,500	19,900	0	+600
Durable Goods	11,300	11,300	10,800	0	+500
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	10,100	10,100	9,700	0	+400
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	+100
Food Processing	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Nonmanufacturing	86,900	87,300	84,700	-400	+2,200
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,200	4,500	3,900	-300	+300
Transportation & Utilities	6,900	6,800	6,400	+100	+500
Trade	29,300	29,300	28,700	0	+500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5,200	5,100	5,100	+100	+500
Services	27,200	27,500	26,700	-300	+500
Government	14,000	14,000	13,800	0	+200
Federal	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State and Local	12,200	12,200	12,000	0	+200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1987**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$369.80	$338.24	$368.08	43.0	39.7	42.8	$8.60	$8.52	$8.60
Durable Goods	374.59	328.75	379.98	44.7	39.8	44.6	8.38	8.26	8.43
Nondurable Goods	362.88	351.55	356.98	40.5	39.5	40.2	8.96	8.90	8.88
Food & Kindred Produets	380.29	379.09	377.30	40.2	40.2	39.8	9.46	9.43	9.48
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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